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SUBJECT: UNHCR FUNDS FOR REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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1. WE MUCH APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTELS ON UNHCR FUNDING PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE SOME DISCREPANCY ABOUT THE EXACT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE UNHCR IN GENEVA AND THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THAT ORGANIZATION'S BANGKOK OFFICE. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON ADDITIONAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION FOR LAO REFUGEES MENTIONED REF A FOR WHICH APPROVAL WAS APPARENTLY EXPECTED EARLIER THIS WEEK. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE WORD ON RELEASE OF THESE FUNDS WE WILL ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASE AND USE THIS AS AN ADDITIONAL PRESSURE POINT ON THE RTG AND LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE. IT WOULD ALSO BE MOST USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE CONTINUED UP-TO-DATE REPORTING ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNHCR BY OTHER COUNTRIES TO HELP REFUGEES IN THAILAND.

2. REGARDING VOLAG ACTIVITY IN REFUGEE CAMPS, EMBASSY RECEIVING GROWING INDICATIONS THAT VOLAGS ARE PROVIDING
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INCREASED CARE IN CAMPS WITH COOPERATION RTG ESPECIALLY

AT NATIONAL LEVEL. SEVERAL LOCAL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH BAD ADMINISTRATION CAMBODIAN CAMPS HAVE BEEN REPLACED SO THAT EVEN AT LOCAL LEVEL SOME IMPROVEMENT MAY BE FORTHCOMING.

3. REGARDING REF C., LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE APPARENTLY NOW HAS TEN NON-THAI EMPLOYEES (NINE OFFICERS AND ONE SECRETARY). THREE OF THE OFFICERS SPEND MUCH OF THEIR TIME IN AREAS IN WHICH THE REFUGEES ARE CONCENTRATED (NAN, NONGKHAI AND ARANYAPRATHET). WE BELIEVE THE ORGANIZATION COULD USEFULLY EMPLOY SEVERAL ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD BUT SEE NO NEED TO, AND A NUMBER OF DISADVANTAGES IN AUGMENTING THE BANGKOK STAFF. WHITEHOUSE

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